

MAIL HOOK

SAN DIEGO DIVISION, PSR-NMRA

JULY 2005

From the Front Office Ben Sevier, Superintendent

Well, summer is here (as if you couldn't tell), with all its diversions - hard to find time for modeling with the beach, BBQ's, golf, etc. But, there are many things going on around town that involve our favorite hobby:

The 'N' Scale Collectors are at the Town & Country Convention Center mid-August - some of our local 'N' scalers will be involved.

The Division Picnic will be at George Bogg's ranch in Ramona on August 13th - be sure and attend for a good time.

The PSR 2005 Convention kicks off on September 7th in Buena Park. This should be a fun convention, with lots of events, layout tours, some great clinics (including one on scenery put on by a group from the San Diego Division), model contest and train show. It's next to Knotts Berry Farms, so there's lots for the family to do as well. There's a registration form in this issue - go up for a day or the whole convention - you will have a great time and meet lots of interesting people!

There are some really interesting layout tours planned for the rest of the year. Dave Balser's

article on the next page will fill you in on the next few months. As he mentions there, we're planning a "road trip" to Brawley in November to visit some of our members "out East". More details will be in the next "Mail Hook", so plan to join us for a fun day.

At the Division Spring Meet in May at the Poway Community Center we had a great time - swap meet, clinics, food. We also had our Division Annual Meeting, where the attending members re-elected myself and Don Fowler to the positions of Superintendent and Clerk/Paymaster (respectively). Don is also running, along with Frank Tepedino, for the position of Division Director being vacated by Rodger Gredvig (termed out), so, depending on who wins that election (watch the "PSR Dispatch" for the results, we may be looking for someone to step up and help out. We also need help on the planning for the 2006 PSR Convention, which San Diego is hosting. If you are interested, let me know.

Speaking of Rodger, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for all the assistance he has provided me the past couple of years, and for all the work he has done for the Division as our representative on the PSR Board of Directors. Like all positions in the NMRA, the Director is a volunteer, and Rodger put many hours of his own time into making sure the Division (that's YOU) had its' voice heard in the running of the Region. When you see Rodger, please be sure and let him know you appreciate his efforts.

Well, that's it for this time around. I look forward to seeing you at the next layout tour, meet or at the local train store.

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Layout Meets & Tours

By David Balsler, Layout Tour Chairman

We have three great tours on the schedule for August, September, and October and it is not too early to start making your plans for November to see one of the greatest Model Railroads in the country, Joel Shanks Sn3 Rio Grande Southern in Brawley. The year will finish up in style with our annual visit to another narrow gauge railroad, Steve Harris Hon3 Rio Grande Southern in Valley Center. Both

of these layouts have been featured in the magazines and Steve was seen most recently on the cover of Model Railroader, November 2004.



Dominy's - 2004

August: On Saturday August 20th we will be visiting a new layout in Escondido, the Casmalia Junction of Donald Ham. Don has a 4x12 railroad with most of the scenery completed and is based on a mid 50's central California coastal route used by the Southern Pacific and the Santa Maria Valley Railroad. DCC has recently been installed on the HO scale railroad and Don has worked out all the bugs and things are running fine. A lot of the structures were kit bashed from other peoples junk Don has collected over the years at swap meets and from the many kits we all seem to have in our closets. All of the scenery material has been gathered from local "rock piles" and Don has had a lot of fun sifting and creating his own landscapes. Don is a new volunteer to the layout tours so lets support his layout building efforts with a good attendance.

September: After you get back from Buena Park, come to Del Mar on September 17th and visit "DE BOYS", Art Dominy and his son Lou Dominy and the HO scale De Boise Western Railroad. This is a classic transition railroad built in its own

room. The layout is 98% complete and features steam and diesel trains both passenger and freight running through some great scenery over bridges and trestles creating some great photo opportunities. I have been telling Art for years to take some pics because I think this layout deserves to be in Model Railroader. Two of the nicest guys you will ever meet in our hobby and a model railroad to match.

October: To borrow a line from an old Beach Boys song, "Fun, Fun, Fun, til Daddy took the T-Bird away." Or in Frank Tepedino's case it would be, " Fun, Fun, Fun, til Daddy took the Big Boy away". Frank built a room above his garage years ago and since then he has probably had as much fun or more than most guys in the hobby. If it feels good Frank buys it and puts it on the railroad. And there is plenty of stuff on his layout! In fact, Frank just added an upper line with 4 main lines for more trains to run. Frank is an excellent structure builder and when you visit he will challenge you to find the hundred or so mini scenes he has created. Frank lives in Tierrasanta and he will be hosting on October 8th.

All layout tours are from noon to 300 PM and directions will be sent to you by postcard one week prior to the tour. The tour to Brawley in November is a long drive and if you are interested in sharing the cost of a rented van let me know and I will arrange it. Get busy on your layouts and I want to get a call from you letting me know you want to host a tour in 2006. That means you, BS, PS, DD, JB, and ???



Yes - It's a Model - Pasadena 'S' Gauge Club

Director's Report

By Rodger Gredvig, MMR

My tenure as San Diego Division Director ends with the election announcement in September. I would like to thank the members of the Division for their support, participation, and enthusiasm for the hooby of model railroading. I especially want to thank those in leadership positions who have really made this divisions function with alacrity and harmony. They have made my job much easier.

As we head into our year (2006) to host the regional convention, I want to encourage as many modelers as possible to get involved now in the planning of this event. Your participation is what makes a convention a worthwhile and rewarding experience for us all. At this moment several Chair positions still need filling, so the time to step up is now.

I would like to remind 'N' scalers about the National 'N' Scale Collectors Convention that will be held here in San Diego at the Town & Country Convention Center, August 17-21, and to encourage all modelers to see a big convention right in our backyard.

Again I want to thank you for the opportunity I had to serve you at the Regional level and I ask you to support our next Director with encouragement and enthusiasm.

On another subject, many know that I have endeavored to promote Ntrak building for Boy Scouts interested in the Railroading Merit Badge. However, there are other youth organizations that seek to promote interest in model railroading.

One of them is the "Youth in Model Railroading", who had a NTrak display at the NMRA PSX2004 convention in Seattle last year. I took a couple of photos of the YMR Ntrak display (one is below). The YMR organization has the advantage of including more kids, wider ages and genders, and with the intention to operate and display as a club. It's a good idea. And don't forget Teen Association of Model Railroaders (www.tamr.org) which has been around for 40 years. While mainly concentrated on the East coast, it is worth promoting as well.

The future of this hobby lies with the kids (our children and grandchildren), so as active members of this great hobby it's up to us to encourage them, help them get started, and promote their activities. The Boy Scouts, YMR and TAMR are all ways to bring them in - and they could use your help.



Rodger Gredvig - 2004

YMR Display - PSX2004



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San Diego Model Railroad Museum

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model train collectibles and accessories dating back to 1915.

The San Diego Model Railroad Museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building in Balboa Park and is the largest exhibition of model railroading in North America measuring over 28,000 square feet. The Museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 -- Children under 15 are FREE. For more information about events at the Museum call (619) 696-0199 or visit our website at www.sdmodelrailroadm.com.

MONTHLY LAYOUT MEET LOCATIONS

Don Ham (August) - The August Tour will be at 516 El Dorado Drive, Escondido. Take Interstate 15 to Via Rancho Parkway. Exit at Via Rancho Parkway, then EAST on Via Rancho Parkway until it becomes Bear Valley Parkway. Turn LEFT on Encino. Turn RIGHT on El Dorado Drive. Go 100 yards until you see a private drive sign on the left just past the church parking lot. Turn LEFT on the private drive and go to the second house on the left.

Art Dominy (September) - Join us at the Del Mar home of Art Dominy at 2060 Balboa. Take I-5 to Del Mar Heights Road, head WEST towards the ocean. Turn RIGHT at Camino Del Mar, and head NORTH through the village of Del Mar. Past the village, turn RIGHT on Sea View, follow Sea View and take the first LEFT fork, then the first RIGHT then another LEFT then RIGHT onto Balboa Avenue. His house is at 2060 Balboa.

Frank Tepedino (October) - We visit Frank at his home in Tierrasanta at 4544 Calle De Vida. To get there, take Interstate 15 to Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, and go EAST on Clairemont Mesa about 2.4 miles, then turn RIGHT on Seda Drive, then RIGHT on to Calle De Vida a short distance to his house at 4544.



Online - Web Sites of Interest

Train Net: www.trainnet.org

Rail Pictures: <http://www.railpictures.net/>

NMRA: www.nmra.org

PSR: <http://www.psr-nmra.org/>

Cajon Country 2005 Convention: www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/2005conv.html

San Diego Division: www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html (PSR) or

www.sandiegodivision.org (local)

Cajon Division: www.cajondiv.org

San Diego Model Railroad Museum: www.sdmodelrailroadm.com

San Diego Rail Sites: www.sandiegorail.com/index.html

Carrizo Gorge Railway: <http://www.carrizogorgerailway.com/>

The Overland Trail: www.overlandtrail.com

August 2005

San Diego Division - Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Division Picnic - Ramona 3:30 - 7:30
14	15	16	17	18 Convention Planning Committee 7:00pm	19	20 Layout Tour Don Ham 12:00 - 3:00
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

September 2005

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4	5 <i>Labor Day</i>	6	7 PSR 2005 Convention Begins Buena Park	8	9	10
11 PSR 2005 Convention Ends Buena Park	12	13	14	15 Convention Planning Committee 7:00pm	16	17 Layout Tour Art Dominy 12:00 - 3:00
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October 2005

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Layout Tour Frank Tepedino 12:00 - 3:00
9	10	11	12	13 Convention Planning Committee 7:00pm	14	15
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23 / 30	24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29



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Convention Hotel: Knott's Berry Farm Hotel and Resort, 7675 Crescent Avenue, Buena Park, CA 90620.
Reservations: Toll Free (866) 752-2444. Information: (714) 995-1111. Convention Room Rate per night is \$99
Specify that you will be attending the PSR 2005 Convention

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2. Keep in mind that submissions may be edited for length or formatting, or not used at the discretion of the editor.
3. Submission deadlines: July 16, 2005, October 15, 2005, Jan 15, 2006
4. If you wish submission materials returned (i.e., photos), please send a stamped, self addressed envelope.

Clinicians Needed!

We are currently compiling a resource list of members who are willing to provide training on various aspects of model railroading to be provided at meets, shows and conventions. General topics may include bench work, track, electronics, scenery, operations, engines & rolling stock, maintenance, history, or any other related topics.

There are many talented modelers within our Division who have developed or refined many techniques and skills. In order to expand our membership and support each other, these skills need to be shared.

If you would like to contribute your talents to help support our hobby, please contact our new Clinic Chair Don Fowler for further information. We welcome experienced clinicians and newcomers as well. Assistance is available for developing presentations if desired. The more you invest in our Division, the more you'll get out of model railroading.



SCHEDULE OF PSR-NMRA EVENTS

August 2005

Aug 13 - Sat 11:30am 'til 3:00pm - **SD Division Summer Meet/Picnic** - Ramona, CA
Aug 20 - Sat 12:00 noon - Monthly Layout Meet
- Don Ham, Escondido

September 2005

Sep 7 - 11 **Pacific Southwest Region Convention.**
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Radisson Resorts Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park CA. Contact Jan Wescott (702) 566-0856.
wescvgas@cox.net www.cajondiv.org.
Sep 17 - Sat 12:00 noon - Monthly Layout Meet
- Art Dominy, Del Mar

October 2005

Oct 8 Sat 12:00 noon - Monthly Layout Meet -
Frank Tepedino, Tierrasanta

November 2005

Nov 12 - **SD Division Fall Meet** - San Diego
Model Railroad Museum, Balboa Park
Nov 19 - Sat 12:00 noon - Monthly Layout Meet
- Joel Shank, Brawley (road trip)

December 2005

Dec 3 & 4 - Sat & Sun - GATS - membership table
Dec 10 - Sat 12:00 noon - Monthly Layout Meet
- Steve Harris, Valley Center

Coming in September . . . Buena Park

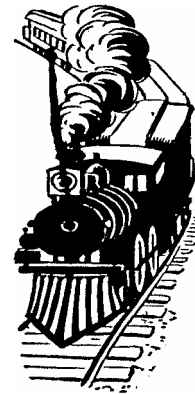
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Info: LaMesaClub@att.net

San Diego 3-Railers (O)

Info: (619) 690-4358

San Diego Model Railroad Club (HO & O)

Info: www.sdmrrc.org

San Diego Society of N Scale (N)

Info: www.sdsons.org

North County Model Railroad Society (HO, N)

Oceanside

Info: (760) 746-4779

Poway Station Model Railroad Club

Old Poway Park, Poway

Info: www.powystation.org

Short Track Railroad (N)

Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, Vista

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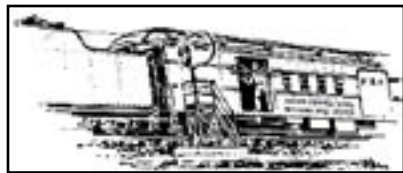
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